



BECOME A CHARACTER- Instructions

1. Choose a character from your reading to "become."
2. Working notebook paper, write your First and Last name, as well as "Become a Character", as the heading at the center of the top line. Then, make a numbered list of ten adjectives that describe yourself, the character that you've become.
3. Again, on notebook paper, list ten adjectives each for 2 other characters, describing them as the character that you've become would describe them.

**** Write each of your lists in a separate place on one side of your paper. (I suggest in columns) Don't write any names on the sheet. Other groups will be asked to guess the characters described by each of your lists. And remember to write the words large enough for everyone to read once they're posted on the board.***
4. Look over your lists for accuracy: remember that you need strong adjectives and that you need to choose your adjectives from the perspective of the character you've chosen.
5. Make any revisions or additions to your lists. Then trade your list with a classmate, who will then use your adjective clues to try to determine the unknown character's identity. Once decided, the classmate must then write a character diary entry, describing one day through the eyes of the character which involves the other two characters mentioned, and sign it (Both as the character AND themselves (the student!))

TIPS

- Be sure to write legibly and in large letters, so that people can see your work from a distance.
- Remember that you "are" the character; each list, including the one in which you describe yourself, should reflect your experiences and prejudices.
- Keep your characters secret! Don't tell others whom you're describing in your lists.
- Don't forget that you are writing as your chosen characters, not as objective readers.



Here's an example (please don't copy):

UNKNOWN CHARACTER	CINDY-LOU WHO	MAX
unlovable	whiny	loyal
unwanted	cute	stupid
crafty	loathsome	stinks
sneaky	trespasser	friend
ingenious	obnoxious	loathsome

Character Diary Entry

I HATE those Whos! The whole lot of them. So sweet and kind, and ooooh, that Cindy Lou - she's such a pest! She comes here, trespassing, really, with no respect for my privacy. "Come to the Who-bilation, pleaaaaasssee?" Oh, I'll come, I'll come, and I'll make them sorry that she ever invited me! Can't they understand that I just want to be left alone? Can no one understand? Thank goodness for Max. My solemn friend. Loyal old Max. Always by my side. Now where is that dog? MAX!

Suspiciously Signed,

The Grinch

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